

## Future of YPOP

YPOP is funded through the COAG Illicit Drug Diversion Initiative and is not available in all locations in WA.

Evaluation will include, but is not limited to:

- data collection;
- participant and responsible adult/guardian feedback; and
- stakeholder feedback.

## Agency appointment information

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Counsellor: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## YPOP Project Officer contact details:

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## Other contacts:

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Country callers only: 1800 198 024

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### Parent Drug Information Service (PDIS)

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Country callers only: 1800 653 203

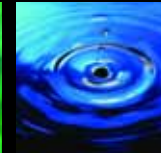
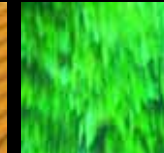


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## Young Person's Opportunity Program



*Information for participants*

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WA Comprehensive Drug Diversion Program

## Aim of YPOP

The Young Person's Opportunity Program (YPOP) is a service for young people (10 to 18 years) who are in contact with a Juvenile Justice Team (JJT) and have drug-related problems. Participation in YPOP is voluntary.

## How can YPOP help me?

Appearing in court or having contact with police can be a strong signal to you and your family that some things in your life may need to change. Some of these things may have to do with your alcohol or drug use.

Through YPOP you will have the chance to meet with an alcohol and other drug counsellor, and discuss ways to address problems related to your drug use.

After meeting with the counsellor, you may be referred to an agency for some counselling or group sessions with people who are specially trained to help you.

## Who can participate in YPOP?

Any young person aged 10 to 18 years inclusively who is:

- having problems relating to their drug use, and/or
- currently being managed by a JJT

## What do I have to do?

- Be interviewed by an alcohol and other drug counsellor, called the YPOP project officer.
- Participate in a drug treatment program if assessed as suitable and agreeing to do so.
- Sign a consent form to allow information to be shared with the YPOP project officer, the treatment agency and the JJT. This information will relate to attendance and general progress while in treatment.
- Have your responsible adult sign a consent form.

## How does YPOP work?

### Step 1

You are referred to a JJT.

### Step 2

The JJT coordinator will contact the YPOP project officer to arrange an initial interview with you.

### Step 3

The YPOP project officer will meet with you and talk to you about how alcohol and other drugs fit into your life, and see if you would like to discuss these issues more.

If the responsible adult caring for you is available, the YPOP project officer will also meet with them.

These discussions are **confidential**. The only time the YPOP project officer will talk about anything you have discussed without your permission is if you talk about harmful things that are happening to you or other young people in your home, or if you talk about harming other people.

### Step 4

You will be referred to a treatment agency. The YPOP project officer will keep in contact with you, the treatment agency and the JJT in relation to your attendance and progress.

The person(s) responsible for your care may also be referred to a helping agency. In some areas the YPOP project officer will also provide the treatment.

### Step 5

Before you finish with the treatment agency, they will prepare a report on how you have progressed. The report will be provided to the YPOP project officer who will then give it to the JJT coordinator.

The report will include how many times you attended the treatment agency, how well you participated and if you are intending to stay in contact with the agency.

The report will remain confidential to these agencies.